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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Berkeley – Police Make \$1 Million Drug Bust at Residence

(U) Berkeley police discovered a massive psychedelic mushroom operation while investigating a domestic disturbance, seizing 677 pounds of mushrooms with an estimated street value of more than \$1 million, authorities said. Two people—a 35-year-old man and a 37-year-old woman—were arrested in the bust late Saturday, according to the Berkeley Police Department.

SOURCE: 26 September 2017, [Los Angeles Times](#)

(U) Lockwood – 7500 Pounds of Marijuana Seized in Monterey County Bust

(U) Authorities in Monterey County served search warrants last week at three homes where residents were allegedly growing marijuana illegally. According to Monterey County sheriff's officials, all the warrants were served in Lockwood and were the culmination of a months-long investigation into illegal marijuana cultivation. During the investigation, authorities seized and destroyed 1,798 plants weighing 7,520 pounds. They also seized four firearms, sheriff's officials said.

SOURCE: 25 September 2017, [CBS San Francisco](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – Violent Crime in US Rose in 2016 vs 2015

(U) Washington DC – Violent crime rose 4.1 percent nationwide in 2016 compared to the 2015 estimates, the US Justice Department said yesterday. Violent crime, which the report defines as non-negligent killings, rape, robbery and aggravated assault, had steadily dropped since 2006, but had increased slightly in 2015, according to the annual report by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The report said an estimated 1.2 million violent crimes took place across the country in 2016, an increase of 4.1 percent over the 2015 estimate. In cities with populations larger than 100,000, the violent crime rate in 2016 was up 3.4 percent compared to the estimate from 2015.

SOURCE: 25 September 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Texas – Two More Indicted in Zetas Auto-Theft Ring

(U) Laredo – The number of individuals indicted as part of an alleged auto-theft ring that stole vehicles around Texas to be delivered to the Zetas drug cartel continues to grow with the addition of two new defendants. The Laredo Police Department, in conjunction with other local, state and federal law enforcement, announced the dismantling of the auto-theft ring in March. Vehicles stolen in Texas were crossed into Mexico and used for gun smuggling, human smuggling and slayings, including the assassination of the top prosecutor in Tamaulipas, Mexico, in January, according to authorities.

SOURCE: 25 September 2017, [Laredo Morning Times](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Germany – Four Men on Trial Accused of Killings in Syria

(U) Berlin – Four asylum-seekers have gone on trial in Germany accused of executing 36 members of the

Syrian security forces while they were members of the Nusra Front extremist group. Prosecutors say the four men killed their victims—police officers, security officials and soldiers—at a garbage site in the Syrian city of Tabqa in March 2013. The defendants appeared before Stuttgart's regional court yesterday on charges of war crimes, murder and membership in a foreign terrorist organization.

SOURCE: 25 September 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) United Kingdom – London Mayor Reports Number of Thwarted Terrorist Attacks

(U) London – The United Kingdom has seen five terrorist attacks this year, but London Mayor Sadiq Khan said that more attacks have been foiled. Since March, seven terrorist plots have been thwarted, he said. This year London saw four attacks: at Westminster, at London Bridge, against Muslim worshippers near Finsbury Park Mosque and at Parson's Green in the London subway. The UK also saw an attack this year in Manchester, England, after an Ariana Grande concert. The number made public by Khan is higher than the number previously released. Earlier this month, the head of London's Metropolitan Police, Neil Basu, said six plots have been thwarted since March.

SOURCE: 25 September 2017, [ABC News](#)

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